



DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Public Meetings: Delta Levees Investment Strategy Project

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) will be holding two public meetings on the Delta Levees Investment Strategy. The Council has initiated the study to update priorities for State investments in the Delta levee system to reduce the likelihood and consequences of levee failures.

Council staff will provide an overview of the project objectives, planning process, timeline, and key study inputs. The project team will be available to discuss project issues and local conditions that influence levee investment priorities.

The Council staff will host meetings on the Delta Levees Investment Strategy on:

- Monday, December 8, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Clarksburg Middle School, Auditorium
52870 Netherlands Rd, Clarksburg, CA 95612
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and on

- Thursday, December 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Brentwood Community Center
35 Oak Street, Brentwood, CA 94513
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Thank you for your interest in the Delta Stewardship Council and the Delta Levees Investment Strategy.

For background information and the latest updates on this project, please visit:
<http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-levee-investment-strategy>.

Send your questions or comments via email to: DLIScomments@deltacouncil.ca.gov

Project Background

Levees in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Suisun Marsh (Delta) help protect people, property, natural resources, and numerous infrastructure systems of statewide importance. Levee failure would cause devastating flooding and disruption of the assets that the levees protect. Flooding could also cause injury to people as well as damage property, water supply, infrastructure and the environment.

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– CA Water Code §85054

Using a comprehensive methodology, the Council will assess, island by island, the state of levees, the extent and value of assets to be protected, and the cost of long-term defense. The work builds on the results of previous Delta levee planning efforts.

A computer-based decision support tool will be developed. This tool will take into account a wide array of economic and non-economic factors to consider and evaluate risk-reduction options and trade-offs. After a viable set of options have been assembled for each Delta island, the project team will use the tool to analyze those options.

The modeling efforts will be performed in collaboration with interested stakeholders and the public.

The outcome of the project will be a final report that proposes a Delta levee investment and risk-reduction strategy. This strategy will outline a suite of investments that best address State goals and priorities, including a tiered ranking of investments on Delta islands and tracts and an allocation of costs based on those who benefit.

About the Council

The Delta Stewardship Council was established by the legislature in 2009 to achieve the state mandated coequal goals for the Delta. "Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place." (CA Water Code §85054)

The Council is composed of members who represent different parts of the state and offer diverse expertise in fields such as agriculture, science, the environment, and public service. Of the seven, four are appointed by the Governor, one each by the Senate and Assembly, and the seventh is the Chair of the Delta Protection Commission.

The council's work is supported by an independent board of nationally and internationally prominent scientists.